

# *Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 7th, 1983.*

*Mr. Treasurer ~ ~ ~*

*It is my most pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Paul Joseph James Martin and to request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.*

*As many eminent men have done in preparation for a life of political attainment, Paul Martin read law at Osgoode Hall. He was called to the Bar of this Province in 1928. He further developed his knowledge and understanding of the law through post-graduate studies at Harvard, Trinity College Cambridge and the School of International Studies in Geneva.*

*First elected to Parliament in 1933, his impeccable qualities of scholarship, political experience and diplomatic temperament combined with his deep compassion for the suffering and distress of others, born of his own childhood experience of illness, placed him at the centre of Canadian Affairs for the next forty four years.*

*As Minister of Health and Welfare he was responsible for the implementation of many of the social services now taken for granted such as the old age security programme. While Secretary of State for External Affairs his grasp of the complex issues of international affairs grounded in his academic attainments won him and Canada recognition on the international stage.*

*He utilized his many and varied talents in the service of Canada and the Canadian people as a Member of Parliament, Cabinet Minister, Senator and High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, retiring at the age of seventy-six from public service after a long and illustrious career. Paul Martin is a distinguished Canadian who is truly deserving of the highest honour that the Society can bestow.*

*I request, Mr. Treasurer, that you exercise the authority vested in you by Convocation and admit The Honourable Paul Joseph James Martin to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*

*Paul Martin*